

BY Callahan V. C. Salem

H.S.R. No. 502

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The cities of Tyler and Rotan, and the State of Texas lost a most distinguished and beloved citizen on February 17, 1971, with the death, at age 82, of the Honorable Cecil Lotief, former State Representative; and

WHEREAS, Born on May 18, 1888, in Joret Termos, Lebanon, Mr. Lotief moved to the United States at the age of 19 after completing his schooling. He settled first in Tyler, earning his livelihood as a peddler. After a number of small business ventures, he left the East Texas area to relocate in Callahan County where he operated a clothing business; and

WHEREAS, He was married to the late Maggie Joseph in West Texas. The couple had three fine children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lotief served as a member of the House of Representatives of the 43rd and 44th Legislatures from 1933 to 1936. He was the first Lebanese to hold public office in Texas, representing Eastland and Callahan Counties; and

WHEREAS, His involvement in the government of his state continued after he moved, in 1939, to Rotan in Fisher County, Texas. In 1944, he was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention, and later served two terms as mayor of Rotan. He retired from business in 1965, but his interest in political affairs never diminished; and

WHEREAS, Always interested in the welfare of his community and state, Mr. Lotief was known for his compassionate concern for all with whom he came in contact. He was a dedicated member of the Catholic Church, and a member of the Southern Federation of Syrian-Lebanese Clubs; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding citizen whose contributions to the State of Texas are truly immeasurable, will be deeply missed by his family and numerous friends and acquaintances in Tyler and throughout the state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 62nd Legislature, by this Resolution, show honor and esteem for the Honorable Cecil Lotief, and extend deep sympathy to the members of his family on their great loss: to his two sons, Father Cecil Lotief, Jr., of Iowa City, Iowa, and Rudy Lotief of Lafayette, Louisiana; to his daughter, Miss Estelle Lotief of Dallas; and to his five grandchildren; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That official copies of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his immediate family as an expression of sympathy from the Texas House of Representatives, and that when the House of Representatives adjourns this day it do so in memory of former Representative Cecil Lotief.

H.S.R. No. 562C

By Passant Williamson & Salow

HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION

in memory of the Honorable Cecil Lotief.

MAY 18 1971

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY RISING VOTE.

*Dorothy Hallman*

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

MAY 18 1971

SENT TO ENROLLING CLERK,